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Ms. Beth O'Donnell Executive Director Kentucky Public Service Commission P. O. Box 615 Frankfort, KY 40602

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PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

RE:

Report of Special Emergency Assistance Program

Case No. 97-024

Dear Ms. O'Donnell:

Since its inception in 1983, the Special Emergency Assistance Program operated by Columbia Gas of Kentucky and Citizens Energy Corporation, with the approval and guidance of the Kentucky Commission, has enabled many needy residential consumers to retain utility service which might otherwise have been lost.

Pursuant to the Commission's Order in Case No. 97-024, dated April 11, 1997, Columbia submits this final report on receipts and disbursements from the Assistance Fund arising from the 2001-2002 program year, as well as information regarding the 2002-2003 program year.

Sincerely,

Judy M. Cooper

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Director, Regulatory Policy

Enclosures

COLUMBIA GAS OF KENTUCKY, INC.

FINAL REPORT TO THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF KENTUCKY OF THE COLUMBIA/CITIZENS ENERGY 2003-2004 EMERGENCY FUEL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

This report summarizes the activity for the 2003 - 2004 program year reported through June 30, 2004. Attachments hereto trace the funds generated by the program to the customers eligible for assistance (see Attachments 1 and 2).

Also included are new summaries for the 2002 - 2003 program year updated to track last year's carryover balance through January of this year when that fund was fully distributed.

Fund Summary

The entire \$86,850 generated by the 2003 - 2004 program was transferred from Citizens to the provider by February 2003. Funds distributed through June 30, 2004 totaled \$78,808, leaving an undistributed balance after overheads of \$8,042. The remaining funds will be used for emergencies this fall before federal and state funds are distributed.

Program Effectiveness - Distribution of Funds

When all funds for the 2002 - 2003 program were fully distributed as of January 31, 2004, over 564 eligible households had received assistance. Distribution of the 2003 - 2004 fund at June 30, 2004 reached a total of 546 eligible households that received grants averaging \$144.34.

Columbia Gas of Kentucky, Inc. Summary of Emergency Assistance Fund Program With Citizens Energy Corporation

				Net Finds			Cumulative Funds
	Vols.	Net Cost	Volume	Provided	Less	Plus	Available
	Del. by	of Vols.	Tariff	CEC for	Overheads	Accrued	for
•	CEC	Delivered	Cost	EAF	for CEC	Interest	Provider
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	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4=3-2)	(2)	(9)	(2)
Summary 2002 - 2003 Contract Year Acti	tivity						
Conclusion of 2001 - 2002 Contract Year	94,435	344,460	434,460	000'06	3,150	0	86,850
Summary 2003 - 2004 Contract Year Activity	tivity						
May 2003	29,553	164,573	254,573	000'06	3,150	0	86,850
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Total =	29,553	164,573	254,573	90,000	3,150	0	86,850

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	Cumulative Funds Received By <u>Provider</u> \$ (1)	Plus Cumulative Accrued <u>Interest</u> \$ (2)	Less Cumulative Payments by Provider \$ (3)	Less Cumulative Provider Overhead \$ (4)	Balance of <u>Fund</u> \$ (5)				
Summary 2002 - 2003 Contra	ct Year Activity								
February 2003	86,850	15	7,944	794	78,127				
March	86,850	41	7,944	794	78,152				
April	86,850	49	24,604	2,460	59,835				
May	86,850	58	33,366	3,337	50,206				
June	88,110	60	66,451	6,645	15,074				
July	88,110	61	67,030	6,703	14,438				
August	88,110	61	67,693	6,769	13,709				
September	88,110	62	70,165	7,016	10,990				
October	88,110	62	73,889	7,389	6,895				
November	88,110	63	78,188	7,819	2,166				
December 2003	88,110	63	78,434	7,843	1,897				
January 2004	88,110	64	80,158	8,016	(0)				
Balance of Fund at end of 2002 - 2003 Contract Year									
Summary 2003 - 2004 Contract Year Activity									
January 2004	-	2	5,669	567	(6,234)				
February	86,850	28	37,590	3,759	45,529				
March	86,850	39	55,422	5,542	25,924				
April	86,850	41	63,869	6,387	16,635				
May	86,850	41	68,366	6,837	11,688				
June	86,850	42	71,682	7,168	8,042				